

VILLISTAS RAID BORDER TOWN AND SLAY TROOPERS

GENERAL FUNSTON WANTS TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND UNITED STATES SOLDIERS FOR ARIZONA BORDER DUTY AND SUGGESTS CALLING OUT THE MILITIA

BANDITS CROSS RIO GRANDE AND BATTLE ALL NIGHT WITH NINE AMERICAN SOLDIERS

Three Troopers and a Ten-Year-Old Boy Are Killed, Two Cavalrymen Wounded, Another Missing, and Two American Citizens Are Kidnaped and Carried Over Line Where Their Throats Are Cut — Nine Troopers, Taking Refuge in Adobe Hut, Give Battle to Ten to One Force and only Flee When Thatched Roof Is Fired and They Are Forced from Their Retreat — Dead and Wounded Are Carried Overland Eighty-Five Miles Before Word of Raid Reaches Outside World

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

ALPINE, Texas, May 7. — Villista bandits some seventy in number forded the Rio Grande Friday night and sweeping for fifteen miles inland on American soil, raided the little settlement of Glenn Springs and attacked a detachment of American cavalry consisting of nine men of Troop A, the Fourteenth. Three troopers and a little ten-year-old boy were killed, two cavalrymen were wounded and another is missing. He is believed to be a prisoner of the bandits, who are now fleeing southward into Coahuila, Mexico.

Two American citizens, J. Deemer, and a man named Compton, according to reports received here, were carried across the Rio Grande and reports have it that their throats have been cut. A posse of fifty citizens of Marathon are tonight in pursuit of the Villistas.

The dead troopers are William Cohen, New York City; Stephen J. Rogers, New York City, and Hudson Rogers, Danville, Ky. The missing trooper is Roscoe C. Tyre. The little boy is the son of Compton. He was deaf and dumb and the bandits are thought to have killed him in rage because he could not answer their questions.

The two wounded troopers, Privates J. Birk and Frank Defree, were brought here this afternoon badly wounded. Birk's body was filled with small brass pieces of tacks fired from a shot gun. Defree was burned about the head and shoulders.

In a little adobe house, nine cavalrymen made their fight for lives against the seventy or more Villista bandits at Glenn Springs. A hail of shot poured for more than two hours into the single window of the mud

FUNSTON ORDERS AN ADEQUATE MILITARY FORCE OUT IN PURSUIT OF THE VILLISTA BANDIT RAIDERS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

EL PASO, Tex., May 7. — Three American soldiers and a ten year old boy have lost their lives and two American citizens have been kidnapped and carried south of the international boundary to almost certain death in another raid of Mexican bandits that takes rank with Pancho Villa's famous attack on Columbus, New Mexico. Whether the marauders were Villistas or Carranzistas is not known.

The bandits, forty, carrying them through the southern units of Brewster county in the Big Bend district of Texas, and taking in three little settlements near the border—Glenn Springs, Boquillas and Deemer took place on Friday night and Saturday morning, but news of it did not reach here until today. No information was given as to the Mexican losses. Within an hour preparations had been begun for adequate military action. Major General Frederick Funston ordered that in all four troops of cavalry should proceed to the raided section to reinforce small detachments already on the scene from Presidio, Alpine and other convenient points.

These troops got under way tonight. It is said here that the exigencies of the case demands such action they will cross the border in order to run down and disperse the bandits. They consist of two troops of the eighth cavalry from Fort Bliss, El Paso, under Major George T. Langhorne, and two troops of the Fourteenth cavalry from Fort Clark, under Colonel Frederick W. Sibley, commander of the Fourteenth.

The two detachments are expected to be in tomorrow morning. Major Langhorne's at Alpine and Colonel Sibley's at Marathon. From these points they will march south ninety miles to the border.

While military events were developing with such rapidity, the conference over the cooperation of American and

Mexican soldiers in Mexico which had been expected to reach a culmination today, came to an abrupt halt. General Scott and Funston met General Obregon and Juan Amador, Mexican sub-secretary of foreign affairs in the immigration station at the American end of the international bridge shortly after eleven o'clock this morning for what had been expected to be their final conference. It developed later, however, that practically the only matter discussed was the bandit raid at Glenn Springs.

What was said at the meeting was not divulged. Immediately afterward General Obregon and Secretary Amador hurried to Juarez where they entered General Obregon's private car and began a conference which lasted three hours.

General Gavira, commander of the Juarez garrison, General Cantos and Andres Garcia, Mexican consul in El Paso, took part in this discussion. Tonight General Obregon was in telegraphic communication with Venustiano Carranza at Queretaro and it was understood he was acquainting the first chief with the new developments and suggested new action that would have to be taken.

Practically all the details of the raid reaching here today came to General Funston from Major O. B. Meyer of the Fourteenth cavalry, stationed at Marfa. According to Major Meyer, the bandits, about 75 in number, crossed the Rio Grande after dark at a point a few miles south of Terlingua, Texas, where there is a guard of about thirty men.

From there they proceeded eastward through the desolate reaches of the big bend country over an old wagon road toward Glenn Springs, a small ranch settlement.

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fort, for the Americans refused to give up. The cavalrymen kept up a steady rifle fire in defiant answer. Then the Mexican leader ordered fire balls to be thrown on the roof, thickly thatched with candelabra.

The blazing weeds tortured the soldiers below and burnt their heads and bodies. Then, smashing the doors, the troopers broke for the open, firing as they ran. Two were shot and killed as they fled. One is missing and is believed to be dead. Another was killed as he tried to climb through the window of the house.

The bodies of the dead are now here at the headquarters of Troop A in Alpine. Major General Funston at El Paso has ordered two troops of the Eighth United States cavalry at Fort Bliss and two troops of the Fourteenth cavalry and one machine gun platoon from Fort Clark to entrain immediately and they are expected to reach here tomorrow.

According to the story brought here the Mexican bandits first attacked a store and one of two houses in Boquillas, where they made Deemer and Compton prisoners, and then sped fifteen miles northward to make their attack on Glenn Springs which is fringed by rugged hills. At Glenn Springs they wrecked a wax factory.

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Columbus Hears Of Border Raid With Concern
(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
COLUMBUS, N. M., May 7. — Reports of the Mexican raid in the Big Bend district of Texas were received here tonight with concern. All available matters were transmitted to General J. J. Pershing, the expeditionary commander.

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NEW PUNITIVE EXPEDITION TO MEXICO LIKELY

Renewed Raiding on American Territory Impresses Officials at Washington With Need of More Liberty in Crushing Bandits

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, May 7. — Renewed raiding on American territory by Mexican outlaws at Glenn Springs and Boquillas, Texas, under circumstances paralleling the Columbus massacre, impressed officials here tonight with the urgent necessity for strong measures for greater liberty in crushing the bandit raids.

The report of the new violations of the United States said and the killing of five Americans from a quarter most unexpected and in which General Carranza had declared he had complete control against outlaws, occasioned great surprise. Important changes in border patrol forces, with possibly another punitive expedition into Mexico in the Big Bend region of Texas where the Glenn Springs and Boquillas raids occurred with Pandio as a base were predicted.

Conferees between Generals Scott and Obregon regarding the Texas raids, it is believed with only slightly delay conclusion of their protocol. A message from General Scott today was interpreted as meaning an early ratification of the agreement. Secretary Baker tomorrow will direct steps necessary as a result of the Big Bend raiding. General Funston is reported tonight that movement of a considerable force of border troops to the Big Bend district already have been ordered.

The ease with which bandits may raid certain sections of the border, army officers pointed out tonight, was illustrated in the Texas raids. Conditions at Glenn Springs, it is declared are duplicated at many other points all along the line where small groups of soldiers are protecting frontier property and doing patrol duty. It was also pointed out that the raiders entered the United States from Coahuila, the native state of General Carranza himself and where he has maintained his control almost unchallenged. The Carranza government in its negotiations, has been insisting that only in Chihuahua and Sonora were bandits active.

That the renewed raiding may considerably prolong the stay of American forces in Mexico is recognized. It is believed, however, that they will not materially affect the present disposition of General Pershing's Chihuahua campaign, though some of the troops now with General Pershing may be drawn upon for any new expedition in pursuit of the outlaws who raided the Big Bend district. General Funston, it is known has suggested changing the base of the whole Mexican movement from Columbus to Presidio, opposite Ojinaga, to shorten the line of communication in Chihuahua. This plan may now be renewed, to furnish a base for easy disposition of troops to cope with the border conditions in both Coahuila and Chihuahua.

MYSTERY IN DROWNING

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
HAWAII, Colo., May 7. — Wanda, a prominent rancher residing south of this place was found dead in a stock water tank on his place yesterday afternoon by his bride of six weeks. There was a rope around his neck which was tied a heavy rock. A slight wound was found on his body, but his legs were hanging over the edge of the tank. Mrs. Wanda told the coroner that her husband had left the house a few minutes previous to the finding of his body to get a pail of water. Whether it is a case of suicide or foul play has not been decided.

URGE BREAK WITH GERMANY

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
BOSTON, May 7. — Resolutions urging President Wilson to break off diplomatic relations with Germany were adopted at a meeting today in observance of the first anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania. About 2500 persons attended the meeting, which was under the auspices of the Citizens for American and the Allies. James M. Beck, former assistant attorney general of the United States and Prof. Josiah Royce of Harvard were the principal speakers.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS INCREASE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)
LONDON, May 7. — The board of trade returns for April show that imports increased £2,046,000, while exports increased £1,648,000.

Arizona Should Have 25,000 Troops, If Not Regulars At Least That Many Of Militia

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

EL PASO, May 7. — "I could easily use 25,000 troops in Arizona alone," said General Funston today, "and there should be that many in that one state. The number that should be along the long southern border line of Texas should be much greater."

If the troops that have been sent into the "Big Bend" country are sent across the line military men said today that the dispatch of more troops into Mexico was essential or the expedition would have to be limited to a mere sortie.

No attempt was made to conceal the embarrassment felt by military men over their inability to send more troops to points on the border where uneasy residents have been calling for more adequate protection. The two troops sent from El Paso have been regarded as almost essential to the garrison here but it was decided to use them rather than draw on the already attenuated forces at other points.

Some weeks ago the drain on the 27,000 troops in the southern department had become so great that General Funston appealed for more troops and failing that, for militia. The war department failed to grant his request. The best disposition possible of the troops had been made. In many cases where the inhabitants have asked for protection it was impossible to send troops.

ALLIED TRANSPORT IS SUNK; SIX HUNDRED RUSS TROOPS DROWN

PROTEST SEIZURE AMERICAN SHIP

WASHINGTON, May 7. — Representations have been made to the British government by the state department it was learned tonight, protesting against seizure on the west Mexican coast by the British cruiser, Rainbow of the American power schooner Oregon.

Whether the principles of "enemy ownership" can be extended to vessels leased by Germans is the diplomatic question involved, the Oregon having been leased to a German firm at Mazatlan. The vessel was seized in the Gulf of California about 10 days ago.

STILL CONFERS ON REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, May 7. — President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferred late tonight at the White House on the situation confronting the United States as a result of the latest German note regarding the conduct of submarine warfare. While Mr. Lansing said later that no final decision had been reached, it is understood that the course to be pursued probably will be known tomorrow or Tuesday.

There were strong intimations in official quarters tonight that the administration might send to Germany a brief communication, noting the new instructions to submarine commanders quoted in the German note, and informing the imperial government that so long as these instructions were effective the diplomatic relations between the two countries would continue.

It was authoritatively stated that should another ship carrying American citizens be sunk by a German submarine in violation of the principles of international law, diplomatic relations would be severed just as soon as the facts were established and without any further exchange of communications. In connection with the peace suggestion in the German note, the attention of officials was attracted here today by a passage in a statement given out in London last night by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, in which he mentioned the discussion of peace by Germany, and added that "our attitude, at any rate, is unchanged." This statement was regarded as meaning that the allies were not ready to discuss peace on Germany's terms.

TO RELIEVE SHACKLETON

LONDON, May 7. — The government has decided to organize immediately an expedition for the relief of Lieutenant Sir Ernest H. Shackleton, who, with a number of his men is marooned in the Antarctic.

New Offensive Against Verdun Is Launched and Germans Gain Considerable Ground Say Berlin and Paris Reports

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

What seemingly is a new offensive with its objective the capture of Verdun, has been launched by the Germans northeast and northwest of the fortress. In both sectors, gains for the Germans are chronicled in the latest French official communication. In the former sector, between the Hindenburg wood and Doncourt, French first line trenches over nearly a third of a mile were entered by the Germans while northwest of Verdun to the east of Hill 294 they penetrated under ground passageways of the French.

Russian torpedo boats have ineffectually shelled German positions on the northern coast of Courland, according to Berlin. In Galicia along the lower Strypa river, the Russians have made a further advance against the Teutons, while in the Caucasus region, the Turkish attacks in the Black Sea littoral were repulsed.

The Turks, who had been contesting the advance of the Russians toward Nagad in the Samskerend region, have retreated hastily after having sustained heavy losses, leaving behind them three tents and war material.

Berlin reports the recent sinking in the Mediterranean by a mine of an entente allied transport with six hundred Russians on board and the destruction of a British aeroplane and the capture of another aircraft in the North Sea. England admits the loss of the two aeroplanes but denies the claim by the Germans that the British submarine E-31 was sunk by the Germans.

Transport Is Sunk

BERLIN, May 7. — (By wireless to Sayville) — The sinking of an allied

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Various Shipping Bills To Reach The House Today

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, May 7. — Various administration shipping bills, combined into one measure and amended so that democratic leaders believe it will enlist the united support of their party members and possibly some republicans, will be introduced in the house tomorrow by Chairman Alexander of the merchant marine committee. It will be referred to the committee and reported back Tuesday.

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SENTENCES OF DUBLIN REBELS ARE COMMUTED

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

DUBLIN, May 7. — (Via London) — Countess Georgina Markievicz, one of the prominent foreigners in the Irish revolt, was sentenced to death after her trial by court martial, but the sentence has been commuted to penal servitude for life. It was officially announced this afternoon. The death sentence upon Henry O'Hanrahan was also commuted to a life term.

Death sentences imposed upon George Plunkett and John Plunkett, brothers of Joseph Plunkett, who was executed last week, have been commuted to 10 years penal servitude. The official statement announcing the sentences and commutations says: "The following further dispatches of trials by the field general court martial are announced:

Sentenced to death but commuted to penal servitude for life by the general officer commanding in chief, Countess Georgina Markievicz and Henry O'Hanrahan.

Sentenced to death but commuted to 10 years penal servitude, George Plunkett and John Plunkett.

It is reported here that Lewis Harcourt, first commissioner of works has been appointed to succeed Augustine Birrell as chief secretary of Ireland. A party of about one thousand prisoners left Dublin last night for England, they were mostly from the country districts. This is the last day under General Maxwell's orders for the Sinn Feiners, and Irish volunteers to hand in their arms and ammunition.

While no official announcements have been issued on the death of civilians in the recent revolt, 150 already have been accounted for.

Count Plunkett, George Noble Plunkett and his wife, have been arrested. Count Plunkett's title is a result one. He and his wife have been prominent in philanthropic work, art and literature.

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